

**HIGH NOON TIMBER SALE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
South Douglas Resource Area  
EA# OR105-95-15**

Date Prepared: October 6, 1995

**Finding of No Significant Impact**

The South Douglas Resource Area, Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management, has completed the environmental analysis on the High Noon Timber Sale located in T29S R3W Section 29, 31 & 33 and T30S R3W Sections 3 & 4. Two alternatives were analyzed: the no action and the proposed action (Alternative 2). Alternative 2 is described in the attached Environmental Assessment (EA, p. 5).

There were no cultural resources identified in the project area, and it is not within the proximity of wetlands, park lands, prime farmlands, or wild and scenic rivers. There were no Native American religious concerns identified through scoping. Retention trees would be clumped around draws, headwalls, depressions, drainages and unstable areas that do not qualify for Riparian Reserves. Full suspension and yarding away from these areas would also be required. These mitigations assure that no unique characteristics would be impacted (CEQ Regulations, section 1508.27(b)(3 & 8)).

The special status plant populations identified in the project area, would be protected by clumping retention trees above the location of the populations and not burning in the vicinity of the plants. The one potentially fish-bearing stream in the project vicinity would be protected with a Riparian Reserve. There are no fish bearing streams within the boundaries of the proposed units, and intermittent streams within the units would be protected with Riparian Reserves. There would be no significant impacts to any special status plants, nor the Umpqua basin cutthroat trout or coho.

Suitable northern spotted owl habitat would be removed from within the provincial home ranges of three owl sites. The sites are below the 1,336 and 1,182 acre thresholds for "incidental take" of a listed species and is considered a "may affect" and requires consultation with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Prior to harvest, suitable habitat within 0.7 miles of all three sites is below the 500 acre threshold, and would be further reduced. Dispersal habitat would also be reduced in three quarter townships, but would be reduced below the 50 percent threshold on only one site. No significant adverse impacts would occur to the spotted owl or other special status species (CEQ, section 1508.27(b)(9)). The marbled murrelet, bald eagle, and peregrine falcon have not been observed in the sale area and the sale area is beyond the range of the Columbian White-tailed Deer.

Of the ten points under section 1508.27(b), the following will not be discussed further in this document, because there are no: significant effects on public health or safety; highly uncertain or unknown risks; precedents for future actions; and no violations of Federal, State, or local laws.

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the EA (pp. 12-15), I have determined that Alternative 2 will not have significant impacts on the human environment and an environmental impact statement is not required. The project is in conformance with the Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) for the Roseburg District, approved by the Oregon/Washington State Director on June 2, 1995. The Aquatic Conservation Strategy will be met or exceeded (ROD/RMP, p. 19). The Best Management Practices (BMP's) listed in Appendix D of the ROD/RMP (p.129-143) were used to develop project design features to mitigate impacts.



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